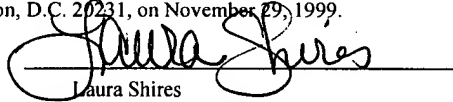


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**REQUEST FOR REMOVING THE FINALITY OF AN OFFICE ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a), Applicants request that the finality of the Office Action dated May 27, 1999 be removed.

1. The earliest effective U.S. filing date for this application is prior to June 8, 1993.
2. This request is made prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to abandonment of the application.
3. This is Applicants second request for removing the finality of an office action (the first request was filed on January 23, 1998).
4. A response to the Office Action is being concurrently filed on November 29, 1999.
5. A check in the amount of \$760.00 is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 29, 1999

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